

## Lyme Regis u3a Newsletter – November 2020

### Talks

We are continuing to deliver presentations online until further notice due to the ongoing Covid situation.

#### November 2020:

Friday 13 November 11.00 am: David Boag – **Wildlife photography in Iceland**

‘I am a wildlife photographer and the author/photographer of 18 published books. My first book ‘The Kingfisher’ was published in 1982 and contained a wealth of unique photographs illustrating the life of this remarkable bird.

I lecture regularly throughout the country to a wide variety of natural history, photographic and general interest audiences. On numerous occasions I have spoken at major conferences for organisations such as the National Trust, the RSPB, British Trust for Ornithology and the Royal Photographic Society.’

‘There is such a wild, remoteness to most of Iceland that it is a photographers dream. So much space, so much air, so much rain! Lush vegetation clothes great sweeps of mountainside right down to the beaches of black, volcanos sand. A multitude of birds, many of which are British rarities, choose Iceland as a perfect nest location where they can safely raise their young. Comparatively few land mammals are found on Iceland but they have unique wild horses that are part of their Viking heritage. The landscape is awesome with some of the most magnificent waterfalls I have every seen.’

Friday 20 November 10.00 am: Science and Technology – Robin Brand of Weymouth u3a – **The Skylark**

‘These days, few have heard of the Skylark sounding rocket. Yet, in November 1957, it was the first British rocket to reach space, and became the basis of Britain’s earliest space programme. Hundreds were fired, launching into space thousands of scientific instruments. Many of these carried out pioneering astronomical observations in the X-ray and UV spectrum, regions previously unavailable to British scientists.’

We also hope to have another of Steve Coles’ Covid-19 updates.

**Links for these talks will be sent out separately. Everyone is welcome to both of these sessions.**

#### December 2020:

Friday 11 December 11.00 am Sandra Lello - Tulips and Pearls: The golden age of Dutch Art  
Science & Technology – **NO MEETING** - Restarts in January 2021

**\*\* We would be very grateful if all those attending the online sessions would use their real names to register instead of an alias, particularly if they are not using the video setting. It would be nice to know who is attending the sessions. The reason for this request is to encourage more positive and friendly connections. Thank you.**

If you are on Zoom you can change your name if you press the 3 dots on the side of your image/screen and pick Rename. We have yet to discover what to do on Webex.

### **Covid update**

See the latest guidelines in the e-mail recently sent out on Beacon and on the national u3a website.

<https://www.u3a.org.uk/covid-19-advice-on-u3a-activities>

The Outdoor Groups Risk Assessment document is on our local website (see links below).

### **Thanks**

Sue Wilson, Susie Butter, Penny Rose and Ann Fleet have resigned from the committee over the last 6 weeks. We thank them for all their efforts and the positive contributions they have made to this u3a.

### **We need your help**

Speaker Finder: one or two people to find people who are willing to give a presentation online.

We also need a secretary and groups coordinator and still need a volunteer to produce the Newsletter.

Please contact Rachael on [chair@lru3a.org](mailto:chair@lru3a.org) or 01297 445575 if you are willing to consider any of these roles.

**There have been some problems with e-mails not getting through to me. If I don't respond on this generic e-mail please contact me by telephone.**

### **LR u3a Website**

National u3a have changed their logo. We have altered our new website <https://www.lymeregisu3a.org/> to reflect that, as well as using 'u3a' with lower case rather than the old 'U3A' in all communications.

### **Trips**

We are still planning for The Edinburgh Festival next year and happy to hear from anyone else who might be interested in receiving information.

John Bartholomew: [trips@lru3a.org](mailto:trips@lru3a.org)

## Group News

### To all Group Leaders

An e-mail was sent to the group leaders on 28 October 2020. We want to ensure that the Beacon list we used is accurate. If you did not receive that e-mail entitled 'Request for volunteer' please contact Mary Bohane [vice-chair@lru3a.org](mailto:vice-chair@lru3a.org) and she will add you to the Beacon group leader list. Thank you.

If anyone wants to change anything on their section of the website, John Marriage has kindly offered to do that for you. Please contact him direct on [webmaster@lru3a.org](mailto:webmaster@lru3a.org)

### Strollers

Roz Pritchard has resigned from leading the Stroller group. Thank you Roz for leading this group over the last couple of years.

### Science & Technology

The SciTec Group has continued almost uninterrupted through the virus troubles, though now of course online rather than live. Our audiences are now a little higher than they were on average, in days of old, with quite a few new Lyme u3a members joining us using Webex. All are welcome, give us a try if you haven't yet.

Traditionally we don't have a December meeting, so look out for more from January, at [www.lymeregisu3a.org/scitec](http://www.lymeregisu3a.org/scitec)

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of our supporters - those who give talks in particular, but also everyone who takes the trouble to come to the online meetings, overcoming all sorts of technical glitches, and asking interesting questions. The u3a in action, as it should be!

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### Links:

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